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1. An import-export agreement covering the year 1949 has been concluded between the German Economic Commission and Poland. Although the agreement was signed on 6 July 1948, it had not yet been confirmed by the SMA as of 31 August.

2. Exports from the Soviet zone of Germany to Poland are to amount to \$51,975,000 and consist of the following items:

Product	Quantity	Value in \$1000
Kainite	10,000 tons	11,000
Potassium salts for fertilizers	125,000 "	5,000
Fluorspar 80%	3,000 "	150
Scrap iron	200,000 "	5,200
Sheet iron and metal goods, including agricultural equipment, hardware for homes and industry, fancy goods, jewelry, hunting rifles, etc.		1,000
Cultural goods, including musical instruments, sports articles		250
Steam boilers and accessories		not given
Machine tools, including metal and wood processing machines, spare parts, tool fittings, industrial furnaces		10,000
Air pressure plants and pumps, hoisting apparatus, transmissions, construction, wood-processing, and textile machines, machines for the food industry		200
Electro-technical equipment, including electro-machines, small engines, welding machines, radio and measuring equipment, stoves, electric bulbs, etc.		1,000
Medical instruments		200
Stones and earthenware		100
Ceramics and glassware, including technical glass		1,000
Timber, ordinary	100,000 cubic meters	4,000

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Chemicals		1,500
Pharmaceutical products		300
Rubber: Buna	3,000 tons	1,300
Igelit	200 tons	200
Rubber goods		200
Cellulose and paper of all kinds		1,500
Fuel		
Brown coal briquettes	1,000,000 tons	13,000
Gasoline	20,000 "	860
Diesel fuel	5,000 "	175
Phenol, crude	2,000 "	180
Montan wax	400 "	360
Electric current		not given

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~~Comment:~~ Since the electric current will be supplied from power stations located in the border area, there is still uncertainty as to whether or not Poland will have to pay for it on a barter basis.)

3. Imports from Poland into the Soviet Zone of Germany, in ~~in~~sofar as a definite agreement has been reached, amount to \$50,320,000. Where no values have been indicated, proposals of the DWK are still under consideration. The following items will be imported:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value in \$1,000</u>
Lead concentrates	3,000 tons	600
Crude iron for foundries	30,000 "	1,800
Rolling mill products	60,000 "	7,200
Zinc	4,000 "	1,120
Zinc powder	400 "	140
Cadmium	10 "	60
Chemicals		300
Pharmaceutical raw materials		
Hard coal	1,500,000 "	21,000
Coke	500,000 "	8,000
Silesian lignite	5,000,000 "(sic)	6,500
Crude tar from hard coal		
Benzol	20,000 "	1,600
Lubricating oil	5,000 "	300
Bitumen		
Naphthalene	5,000 "	500
Hides and furs		
Fish	10,000 "	1,200
Seed potatoes		
Fodder		

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~~Comment:~~ Poland had offered to deliver up to three million tons of hard coal, but since the DWK was unable to offer in exchange a sufficient quantity of goods from the eastern zone of Germany, the quantity had to be cut to 1.5 million tons. Well-informed persons doubt that Poland will be able to deliver 500,000 tons of coke as agreed, since this amount is almost three times as high as provided for in the agreement for 1948. The lignite from Silesia will be processed in the eastern zone of Germany at approximately 100 percent profit.)

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